

H.R. 1261. An act to enhance the workforce investment system of the Nation by strengthening one-stop career centers, providing for more effective governance arrangements, promoting access to a more comprehensive array of employment, training, and related services, establishing a targeted approach to serving youth, and improving performance accountability, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 101(f)(3) of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999 (42 U.S.C. 1320b-19), and the order of the House of January 8, 2003, the Speaker appoints the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel: Mrs. Berthy De La Rosa-Aponte of Cooper City, FL, to a 4-year term.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 874. An act to establish a program, coordinated by the National Transportation Safety Board, of assistance to families of passengers involved in rail passenger accidents; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 1261. An act to enhance the workforce investment system of the Nation by strengthening one-stop career centers, providing for more effective governance arrangements, promoting access to a more comprehensive array of employment, training, and related services, establishing a targeted approach to serving youth, and improving performance accountability, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2272. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Use of Debit cards for Flexible Spending Arrangements (Rev. Rul. 2003-43)" received on May 7, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2273. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Weighted Average Interest Rate Update Notice (Notice 2003-32)" received on May 7, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2274. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Continuing Employment Exception to Medicare Tax Not Available If State or Local Government Employee Not a Member of a State Retirement System (Rev. Rule 2003-46)" received on May 7, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2275. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "April-June 2003 Bond Factor Amounts (Rev. Rul. 2003-44)" received on May 7, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2276. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bank Demutualization (Rev. Rul. 2003-48)" received on May 7, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2277. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Earnings Calculation for Returned or Recharacterized IRA Contribution (RIN 1545-BA82)" received on May 7, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2278. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Length of Service Award Program (Rev. Rul. 2003-47)" received on May 7, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2279. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 403(b) distribution reporting and withholding (Notice 2003-20)" received on May 7, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2280. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Procedure 2003-35 Gaming Industry Tip Compliance Agreement" received on May 7, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2281. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Constructive Transfers and Transfers of Property to a Third Party on Behalf of a Spouse (1545-AX99)" received on May 7, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2282. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Waiver of Loss Carryovers from Separate Return Limitation Years (1545-BB39)" received on May 7, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2283. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance Under Section 817A Regarding Modified Guaranteed Contracts (1545-AY48)" received on May 7, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2284. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Median Gross Income for 2003 Revenue Procedure (Rev. Proc. 2003-29)" received on May 7, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on Finance, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 2. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional tax incentives to encourage economic growth.

By Mr. SHELBY, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, without amendment:

S. 709. A bill to award a congressional gold medal to Prime Minister Tony Blair.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. CORZINE (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 1035. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to reduce the age for receipt of military retired pay for nonregular service from 60 to 55; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. ALLARD (for himself, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. KOHL, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. BURNS, and Mr. CRAIG):

S. 1036. A bill to provide for a multi-agency cooperative effort to encourage further research regarding the causes of chronic wasting disease and methods to control the further spread of the disease in deer and elk herds, to monitor the incidence of the disease, to support State efforts to control the disease, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. WARNER, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. KERRY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CARPER, Mr. ALLEN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. SMITH, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. CRAIG, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 1037. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the medicare program of all oral anticancer drugs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. THOMAS (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. BURNS):

S. 1038. A bill to limit the acquisition by the United States of land located in a State in which 25 percent or more of the land in that State is owned by the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. MILLER, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. KYL, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. HATCH, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. Res. 138. A resolution to amend rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate relating to the consideration of nominations requiring the advice and consent of the Senate; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. SUNUNU:

S. Res. 139. A resolution expressing the thanks of the Senate to the people of Qatar for their cooperation in supporting United States Armed Forces and the armed forces of coalition countries during the recent military action in Iraq, and welcoming His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifah Al-Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar, to the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BOND, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BIDEN,